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Labor Troops

1. On 1 December 1951 the Labor Service Troops in Southern Yonbaek-kun (126-09, 37-56) (BT-5002) were organized by the myon people's committee in accordance with the directive of the Labor Section of the County People's Committee. People in each myon were required to belong to the service troops, regardless of disabilities, if they were in the following age groups: men, 15 to 60 years; women, 15 to 50 years.
2. The labor troops were organized to supply labor for repairing roads and bridges and for agricultural projects in accordance with requirements of the military authorities. If a person was unable to obtain his daily food because of time spent with the labor troops, he was given one or two mal of rice which he had to return as soon as possible. The party propaganda agents of the Democratic Youth Alliance gave lectures to the laborers at their place of work for one hour each day.

Security Unit

3. In late November 1951, the 805 Unit, also known as the Yonbaek-kun Detachment of the Hwanghae Provincial Department of Internal Affairs, was formed in Suan (126-22, 38-42) (BT-7186). The primary function of this unit was to act as a security force in areas to be occupied by Communist forces after they advanced into South Korea. In January 1952 this unit was engaged in counter-espionage activities in the coastal areas, guarding against agent landings, and conducting raids on suspected agent safe-houses. Persons arrested by this unit were turned over to the Hwanghae Department of Internal Affairs.
4. The commander of this unit was KIM Chong-hyon (金鐘鉉), aged 28, a captain. The unit's headquarters was at Changjak-kol in Songhang-ni (126-00, 37-56) (BT-3602),

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about 100 yards south of Ch'ont'ae Station (126-01, 37-56) (BT-3802). The 1 Company was at Ch'on-gol, Songhang-ni, and the 2 Company was at Ub'on-ni (126-03, 38-00) (BT-4110). Most of the troops in this detachment were formerly members of the South Korean Labor Party before the outbreak of the Korean war, and had been imprisoned in Seoul or Inch'on, and later fled to North Korea.

5. The unit was furnished food by the Food Administration Section of the Hwang-hae Provincial People's Committee, and the clothing and ammunition were supplied by the P'yongsan-gun police station. All communications were by bicycle. There were 100 men in each company and 20 men were attached to headquarters. The unit had four light machine guns and the men were armed with Soviet-manufactured rifles and carbines.

Partisan Unit

6. The office of a unit called the "Southern Yonbaek-kun People's Armed Troops" was in five buildings at the base of a hill one kilometer southwest of Yonan Railroad Station (126-10, 37-54) (BS-5198) and about 100 yards south of the track running west from Yonan. The primary purpose of this organization was to serve as a stay-behind guerrilla force in the event of a retreat by Communist forces from the area. Enthusiastic members of the Democratic Youth Alliance and Self-Defense Corps within the county were asked to join the unit whether or not they were members of the NKLP.
7. The unit was formed in early December 1951 and the commander in January was CH'AE Kwang-hui (蔡光熙), aged 27. The strength of the unit was 150 men; they were armed with United States M1 rifles, or Soviet-made rifles, and hand grenades. The unit also had two light machine guns. Ammunition was supplied by the Yonbaek County police station, located one kilometer northwest of the Yonan Railroad Station. Because there were not sufficient uniforms, the troops had to supply their own. In January the members of this unit were engaged in patrolling the coastal areas and occasionally participated in punitive operations against guerrillas hidden in the surrounding mountains.
8. The Yonbaek-kun People's Committee office was in a group of nine buildings one kilometer north of Yonan Station; the largest was a U-shaped building facing four smaller square buildings to the west of it.

Chinese Communist Artillery in Haeju

9. In January 1952 Chinese Communist troops were manning one anti-aircraft and two gun batteries near the city of Haeju (125-42, 38-02) (YC-3713). The Number 1 gun battery was on a plateau east of Namsan and 1.100 meters southeast of the former Haeju prison, and battery Number 2 was 400 meters southeast of Number 1. Each of the two batteries consisted of two low-trajectory guns and two heavy machine guns manned by 40 men. The anti-aircraft battery emplacement was 800 meters southwest of the Haeju prison, and consisted of two high-angle guns, two high-angle machine guns, and one light machine gun, manned by 20 men.
10. The troops of the Number 1 battery and the anti-aircraft battery were quartered 950 meters west of Number 2 battery. The Number 2 battery billet was 400 meters north of the Number 2 battery.
11. The Chinese Communist troops took charge of the guns in early January. They came from Obong-ni (125-59, 38-32) (YC-6069) and replaced North Korean troops who were transferred to the T'ongch'on (127-54, 38-54) (DU-0506) area on the west coast. Haeju residents considered the Chinese Communist troops poorly disciplined since they spent most of their time wandering around the city.

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